

LEADING WORSHIP: Our Pastor, Kregg Gabor

HELPING IN WORSHIP

Acolyte	Sarah-Grace White
Liturgist	Vickie Carroll
Head Usher	Will Cass
Ushers	Cheryl Cass, Daniel Ikpeme

OUR FAITHFULNESS LAST SUNDAY

Contemplative Prayer Service @ 8am	2	Worship @ 10:00am	89
Sunday School – Adult	8	Children	YouTube & Zoom
			37

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Our members: Steve Allen, Barbara Bates, Cheryl Cass, Ron Cole, Dylan Coughlin, Sue Davis, Sandra DeGuzman, Irene Feller, Emily Griess, Doris Hammel, Gwen Higgins, Pat Hughes, Donna Jonnigan, Danny Jones, Samson Marrine Lee, Betty Longobardi, Lizzy Merolle, Millie Milkovich, Kathleen Nicodemus, Michelle Olavarria, Ray Polivka, Karla Quinlan, Robert Schmidt, Michelle Simonis, Sarah-Grace White, Marilyn Zier.

Friends of our church in your prayers: Georgia Kustas-Beurket, Cris and John Burke, Joshell Coleman, Jordan Fidler, Allison and Chad Hagner, Lorry Hetzer, Scott Kara, Edgar Martinez, Hilary McAllister, Rob Post, Jean Slater, Wayne Surico, Ronald Tomaso, Jackie Triguero, Elaine Wintergreen, Harold White, Clifford Zier. All of the innocents affected by wars and conflicts around the world.

Members of the military, active and/or retired, in your prayers: Michael Clear, Staff Sergeant in the Army, Joshua Lord, 1-69 Infantry Medical Platoon Sergeant, NYC; Randal Middleton, Naples, Italy Naval Base, Major Jason Oliver, Texas.

Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church
2381 New Hackensack Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
Phone: (845) 452-2933 Fax: (845) 452-3103
Internet Web Site: <http://www.pokumc.com>
e-mail: poughkeepsieumc@gmail.com



Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church
September 6, 2026

Words of Welcome & Life of the Church

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather in the presence of the living God.
People: God welcomes us with mercy and grace.
Leader: We come to hear the Word and receive wisdom.
People: God opens our hearts and renews our minds.
Leader: We come as one body, with many stories and many gifts.
People: God binds us together in love.
Leader: Let us worship the God who is faithful in every generation.
People: We will worship with gratitude and hope.

Opening Prayer

***Songs of Praise:** *“Come, Share the Lord”*
“When It’s All Been Said and Done”

Scripture Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

***Hymn of Preparation:** *Just as I Am, Without One Plea”* UMH 357

Sermon

Worship God with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem: *“Dona Nobis Pacem”* - Grant Us Peace

Doxology

Receiving Holy Communion

Call to Confession
Confession
Merciful God, we confess that we have not always loved you with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have spoken without listening, acted without wisdom, and allowed fear or pride to shape our responses.
Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Words of Assurance
The Great Thanksgiving UMH 15

Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer

Passing the Peace of Christ

***Closing Hymn:** *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”* UMH 384

Benediction

Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

~~~~~  
**Welcome to Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church.** *We are delighted to have you worship with us today!*

**We want to be your family of faith.** *We hope that you feel at home in our church family, and we encourage those interested in membership to speak with one of the ushers or contact us at 845-452-2933 or by email at [poughkeepsieumc@gmail.com](mailto:poughkeepsieumc@gmail.com).*

**To Those with Little Ones:** Room 36 (upstairs in the education wing) is available as a toddler room with toys and a TV that is tuned into the worship service.

**If you would like to be on the PUMC email distribution,** please go to the church website at [www.pokumc.com](http://www.pokumc.com) and scroll down to **Join Our Mailing List** button.

Opportunities for You This Week

SUNDAY, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Communion

8:00 am Contemplative Prayer  
8:45 Coffee with Jesus  
10:00 Worship Service  
11:30 Fellowship  
Prayers for the World  
1:00 pm Casa de Adoracion  
2:00 Parkside AA

MONDAY, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Labor Day – Office Closed

3:30 pm Social Justice  
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous

TUESDAY, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026

10:00 am Pastor’s Bible Study  
1:00 pm Arts & Crafts Group  
5:30 Primary Purpose AA

WEDNESDAY, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026

7:30 am Morning Prayers  
7:00 pm New Hope AA

THURSDAY, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026

5:30 pm Primary Purpose AA  
7:00 Choir  
Gamblers Anonymous

FRIDAY, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026

6:30 pm CdA Service

SATURDAY, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

8:30 am Gamblers Anonymous

SUNDAY, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Communion

8:00 am Contemplative Prayer  
8:45 Coffee with Jesus  
10:00 Worship Service  
Sunday School  
11:30 Celebration Brunch  
Prayers for the World  
SPRC  
1:00 pm Casa de Adoracion  
2:00 Parkside AA

Come, Share the Lord CCLI Song # 106408  
Bryan Jeffery Leech  
© 1984, 1987 Fred Bock Music Company  
For use solely with the SongSelect® [Terms of Use](#).  
All rights reserved. [www.ccli.com](http://www.ccli.com)  
CCLI License # 777703

When It’s All Been Said and Done CCLI Song # 2788353  
Jim Cowan  
© 1999 Integrity's Hosanna! Music  
For use solely with the SongSelect .Terms of Use.  
All rights reserved. [www.ccli.com](http://www.ccli.com)  
CCLI License # 777703

Just As I Am, Without One Plea (UMH 357)  
LYRICS Charlotte Elliott  
MUSIC: William B Bradbury

Love Devine, All Loves Excelling (UMH 384)  
LYRICS: Charles Wesley  
MUSIC: John Zundel

\* 1 Beu, B.J.; Scifres, Mary. The Abingdon Worship  
Annual 2026 Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition.

Announcements

Worship will return to the Sanctuary on September 13<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting).

The church office will be closed tomorrow because of Labor Day

Sunday School Returns! Be sure to join us on September 13 as we begin the 2026-2027 school year. In celebration we will be holding a brunch right after worship.

A Note from Karyn: I will be taking a vacation from Monday, September 21 through Friday, September 25. I am looking for volunteers to cover the office on those days, especially in the morning. Please contact me through email ([poughkeepsieumc@gmail.com](mailto:poughkeepsieumc@gmail.com)) or call the office (845-452-2933) if you can help.

Strength and Balance will return on Tuesday, September 15: We decided to change to Tuesday mornings so that people who would like to can stay for Pastor’s Book Study @ 10am. Please speak to Kaye Schrock, Geri Hoernes, or the church office if you are interested.

Friendship Circle will meet Monday, September 14. Our guest speaker will be Muriel Horowitz, who will speak about a local organization Reunite Migrant Families. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome to join us.

Love INC's Fill the Truck event is Saturday, September 12 from 2-4 in the Love INC office parking lot at 748 Freedom Plains Rd. (near the Apple Valley shopping center). Items being requested are included in our church bulletin and on the Mission board. If you are unable to attend this event, please bring to our church and it will be delivered to Love INC.

Our September Fellowship Discovery Luncheon will be on Tuesday, September 22 @ 12PM. Captain Mike Capuccelli of the State Police (retired) will be giving a presentation on “Personal Safety in an Insecure Age” Please let us know (by Thursday, September 17) if you plan to attend by scanning the QR code or as always you can contact the office.





The September Journey and the September/October Upper Rooms are available at the back of fellowship hall.

The Arlington Street Fair is Saturday, September 19 on Raymond Ave. Our church will host a table to meet & greet with our neighbors to tell them about our great church and the love God has for everyone. Help is needed from 12-6pm visiting with the community. Please sign up on the Mission bulletin board.

The Mission group is looking for help with our third Saturday meal which is also September 19. We need help preparing the meal, cooking it in the oven and delivering it to Cannon Street around 5:30. Since this day is also the Arlington Street Fair, we really need assistance. Both events are important missions so please help so we are able to do both. Sign up on the Mission board outside of fellowship hall.

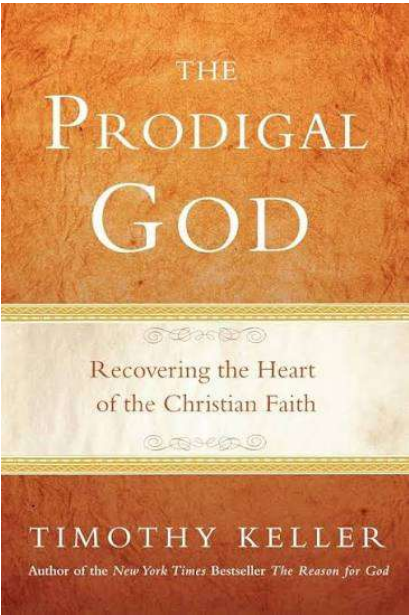
Altar Flowers: September, October, and November are almost fully available for altar flower donations. Please sign up in the narthex or contact the church office to reserve a date. The cost is \$50.

HOAM Ministry: On the third Saturday of every month we provide a meal for the HOAM ministry in the city of Poughkeepsie. We are seeking additional volunteers to help prepare the meal and deliver it to Cannon St around 5:30 pm. Volunteers are also needed to serve the food three nights a week. Preparation is usually Saturday mornings at our church. Please contact Pam (845-240-4564) or Nancy (845-380-4887) if you are willing to help any time.

Looking Into the Future:

- Monday, September 7 – Labor Day – Office Closed
- Tuesday, September 22 – Fellowship Discovery Luncheon @ 12pm
- Saturday, October 17 – Harvest Fest @ 9-3
- Saturday, October 24 – Trunk or Treat
- Thursday, October 28 – Friday, October 29 – Trip to see Joshua
- Tuesday, November 3 – Election Day
- Sunday, November 22 – Church Conference

Pastor’s Fall Book Study



Title: “*The Prodigal God: Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith*”  
Author: Timothy Keller

Amazon Description:  
“The *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Prodigal Prophet* uncovers the essential message of Jesus, locked inside his most familiar parable.

*Newsweek* called renowned minister Timothy Keller 'a C.S. Lewis for the twenty-first century' in a feature on his first book, *The Reason for God*. In that book, he offered a rational explanation of why we should believe in God. Now, in *The Prodigal God*, Keller takes his trademark intellectual approach to understanding Christianity and uses the parable of the prodigal son to reveal an unexpected message of hope and salvation.

Within that parable Jesus reveals God's prodigal grace toward both the irreligious and the moralistic. This book will challenge both the devout and skeptics to see Christianity in a whole new way.”

Dates: Tuesdays @ 10am, starting September 29 (we will not meet on October 6) through November 17.

If you would like Karyn to order a copy of the book please contact her no later than Monday, September 14. The cost is \$12.00



**Sermon Summary**  
**“When Love Goes Directly”**  
Matthew 18:15–20  
September 6, 2026

When relationships are damaged, our first instinct is often self-protection. We avoid the person, talk about them to others, rehearse our grievances, retaliate, or justify our own behavior. We may even convince ourselves that because the other person was wrong, whatever we do in response must be right. Yet self-justification may protect our pride, but it rarely heals a relationship.

In Matthew 18:15–20, Jesus offers a different path. He tells us to go directly to the person who has sinned against us and speak privately. The goal is not to win an argument, expose someone publicly, or prove our moral superiority. The goal is to “win them over”—to seek restoration with a brother or sister. When a private conversation is not enough, Jesus widens the circle carefully: first by involving one or two wise people, and then, if necessary, the community of faith. Each step adds wisdom, accountability, and discernment, not humiliation.

Jesus’ teaching also makes room for truth and boundaries. Forgiveness does not erase consequences, instantly rebuild trust, or require someone to remain vulnerable to abuse, coercion, or danger. One person can forgive, but reconciliation requires truth, repentance, and the willingness of more than one person. Christian love neither ignores sin nor uses it as an excuse for cruelty. It tells the truth because it still hopes for redemption.

The good news is that Christ does not leave us alone in this difficult work. “Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them” is a promise of Christ’s presence in the hard conversation, in the humility to listen, and in the community’s search for a faithful way forward.

At the heart of the gospel is a God who came toward us. In Christ, God entered our fractured world, told us the truth about ourselves, bore the cost of reconciliation, and opened the way home. Because Christ has approached us with both grace and truth, we are freed to move toward one another—not to win, retaliate, or preserve our innocence, but to seek restoration, establish wise boundaries, and trust Christ with the outcome.

# Fill The Truck!

## Love INC Donation Drive



New Location

Saturday, September 12, 2026  
2-4 pm Rain or Shine

**Love INC Connection Center Parking Lot**  
748 Freedom Plains Road, Poughkeepsie, NY

Help support our Love INC Ministry Classes by stopping by and donating these resource items that will be distributed to our class attendees!

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Paper Goods</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Toilet Paper</li><li>• Cube Size Box of Tissues</li><li>• Paper Towels</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Laundry</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Liquid Laundry Detergent (32 oz - 64 oz)</li><li>• Dryer Sheets (80-100 count box)</li></ul>                                                     | <b>Shopping Cards</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$15 and \$20 Grocery Store Cards with activation slips (Stop N Shop &amp; ShopRite)</li></ul>                           |
| <b>Household Items</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Liquid Dish Soap (14 oz or higher)</li><li>• Disinfectant Cleaner (32 oz)</li><li>• Disinfecting Wipes</li><li>• Liquid Hand Soap (pump bottle)</li><li>• White Tall Kitchen Garbage bags (13 gallon)</li><li>• Pair of Rubber Cleaning Gloves (REUSABLE only, size Medium or Large)</li></ul> | <b>Hygiene Items</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Body Lotion</li><li>• Body Wash</li><li>• Deodorant (men or women)</li><li>• Lip Balm</li><li>• Disposable Razors (men or women)</li></ul> | <b>Grocery Items</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Can (12 oz) Chicken Meat</li><li>• Low Sodium Chicken Broth (box)</li><li>• Can (10 oz) of Rotel Diced Tomatoes</li></ul> |
| <b>Misc</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Standard-sized Bed Pillows, only new in original packaging</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                        |



love  
INC  
all the people  
of Christ

Contact Mid-Hudson Love INC at 845-471-0102 with questions





## PUMC "Autumn Fest"

**Saturday, October 17 & Sunday, October 18**

Our Faith in action!! Would you like to help us in any way? Please let us know!

**Handmade with Love** - We hope you are using your creativity this summer to make/create items for our "homemade" booth. There is still time!! Quilts, Small pillows, Aprons, Placemats, Knitted or Crocheted items such as hats, scarves, mittens. We welcome your talent!! **Questions?** Please contact **Lynne Deverman 845-594-4995**

**Hostess Gifts** - how about creating new items? such as - Soup Mix in a jar (like those 15 beans), a Lovely Container or Jar with Cookie Mix, Cocoa Mix with fancy spoon in a special container, A Cutting Board with spreading knife & add Crackers/Cheese, A Fun Movie Night snack basket, An Italian Dinner night, Homemade Granola Mixes, Basket of Salsa & Seasoning Salts, Jam & Jelly baskets, Your Favorite Brownie box in a 9 x 9 pan (maybe extra chips & icing) Ice Cream Toppings in basket (hot fudge,, caramel sauce etc) Presentation of Traditional or Watermelon Pickles. All these Items that can be gifts for the Hostess, Birthdays, Thanksgiving or Christmas. Surprise us with your own idea!!  
**Sandy Pullinger 813-928-6734 Betty Harrel 845-462-2141**

**Jewelry Boutique** - Are you making room for new? Necklaces, Earrings, Bracelets -- Please let us enjoy those you don't wear anymore? We even sell small purses, lovely silk scarves, vintage evening gloves, pretty hair clips If you have questions:  
**Carla Vinson 845-264-9641 Elaine Eaton 845-297-6720**

**Bake Shoppe** - great time to review your recipes!! Please bake for us your favorite Cookies, small Loaf Breads (zucchini, banana, fruit, etc), Pies - small & large (apple, pecan, lemon meringue etc) Brownies, Dessert Bars. We do not have requests for Cupcakes or Muffins. Baked items may be dropped off all day Friday 10/16 or Saturday by 9am.  
**Cathy Close 845-240-1542 Kathy Betz 845-527-1662**

### **Delicious Dessert Takeout - Homemade - Please**

Suggestions: Cheesecake, Cakes, Pies: Apple, Pecan, Pumpkin, Lemon Meringue or use a favorite family recipe. Please label all desserts & use disposable packaging  
Drop off: Friday, 10/16 (all day) - Saturday, 10/17 (by 9 am)

**Questions: contact Joan Schmidt (845) 452-9515**

**\*\* for all bake goods -- please label them & note if containing nuts or fruit. Also please use disposable packaging or call and discuss with us your item!**